



The Shepherd's Staff

September 2024



From the Pastor:

Brothers and sisters in Jesus,

One of my favorite parables is the Prodigal Son. Prodigal means a person who is wasteful of their money and possessions. I also think it also describes the father/God. The adjective meaning of prodigal fits the father perfectly: giving or yielding profusely; very generous. A perfect description of our forgiving God.

We all know the story, how the son took his part of his inheritance and spent it on gambling, wine and women. When he was totally destitute, he took care of swine. A Jewish boy taking care of swine is as low as one could go in work. He was hungry and was actually looking at the food he was feeding the swine as a delicious meal for himself. He didn't eat it. His mind kept going back to all he had as a son or even how well the servants were treated.

So he leaves his job and begins walking home. This was the first step to forgiveness. He realized his mistakes and how bad he messed up his life. He wants his father's love and concern once more even if he is treated as a servant.

His father saw him and ran to him and called him Beloved. He swept His son into His arms and held him, telling him how much He missed him and loved him. Jesus told His followers that God was not a punitive judge but a lover, who wants us back into His loving family. He forgives us and remembers our sins no more.

We are the prodigal children who run away from God to do what we want to do. We need to realize that while we are away from Him, God has been trying to find us, to know us and to love us. The question is not "How am I to find God?" but "How am I to let myself be known by Him?" And the question is not "How am I to love God?" but "How am I to let myself be loved by God?" You see God is looking into the distance for us, trying to find us and longing to bring us Home. He will hug us and tell us how much He misses us and much He loves us.

*Yours in Jesus,
Pastor Gary*

**Planning
Ahead...**

September 2
Labor Day
Unofficial end of
Summer
Church office is
closed

September 3
Christian Ed
7pm

September 8
Cash Bingo!

September 12
Bell Rehearsal
6:30
Choir Rehearsal
7:30

September 15
Harvest Home
Benefits Victory
House in
Bethlehem and
Northampton
Food Bank

September 22
Rally Day

October 4
Basket Social
4-8pm

October 6
Blessing of the
Animals
1-2pm



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9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Monday—Friday

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Worship Service 9:00 AM

Pastor Gary L. Walbert

Cell # 610-217-6852

Kristen Merkert

Organist /Choir Director

Beverly Moore

Church Secretary

*Hope to see
you on Sunday.*



The Sharing Table

As the growing season continues with an entirely new seasonal selection, GSLC is blessed to have so many willing to share their garden crops. Each Sunday please stop by the **Sharing Table** located in the narthex to see what is offered.

Thank you to all who give and to those who donate. Proceeds will benefit the Northampton Area Food Bank and World Hunger (ELCA).
~Social Ministry

President's Corner

Dear Friends,

We all have Bible passages and stories that move us. In my case, I have always loved the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den. It was brought vividly to life in my childhood by Mrs. Warneke, who gave us carved wooden animals from Africa when she visited my Sunday school class long ago. She and her husband donated the land our church rests on. And that story of faith in God helped move us to name our son Daniel. We also have our son Joshua. His name was inspired by Civil War general Joshua Chamberlain, who probably got his name from Joshua in the Old Testament. And his story always moves me with the words from last week's lesson: "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and faithfulness....As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

These two men demonstrated faithfulness in a big way. I have been traveling or recovering from traveling for most of this summer, but I know the faithful people of Good Shepherd have continued to roll on. Thank you to the painters who painted, the organizers who planned and ran the picnic, the wonderful team who have assembled and blessed backpacks, the musicians who are making music, the volunteers who are cleaning, planning, sprucing up the property, and doing everything necessary to continue our worship and ministry and Good Shepherd. You are all indeed "Faithful People."

Best wishes to all students for a successful school year, and welcome Fall!

Chris



Question: What is the most commonly used phrase in the Bible?

Answer: "Do not be afraid"

That should be a message of comfort for us all. Whatever you are going through know that God is always with you.

PASTORAL ACTS

Wedding

We rejoice and celebrate the marriage of Jessica Kirkpatrick & Brian Lazarus.

Pastor Gary performed the ceremony on August 31st.

We extend blessings for many years of happiness.

(picture was not available at printing)



WHAT IF WE BEGAN TO TREAT OUR BIBLES THE WAY WE TREAT OUR CELLPHONES?

WHAT IF WE...

...CARRIED IT WITH US EVERYWHERE?

...TURNED BACK TO GO GET IT IF WE FORGOT IT?

...CHECKED IT FOR MESSAGES THROUGHOUT THE DAY?

...USED IT IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY?

...SPENT AN HOUR OR MORE USING IT EACH DAY?



GROUND'S OF GRACE CAFE

Contemporary Worship

8a-8:30a

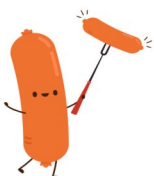
Sunday, October 13

*Every second Sunday of the month in Fellowship Hall

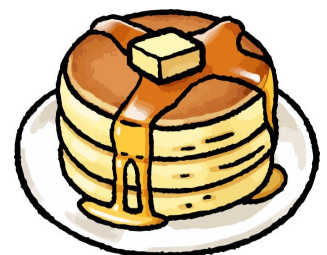
- ◆ **LIVE BAND**
- ◆ **Communion**
- ◆ **Coffee Bar**



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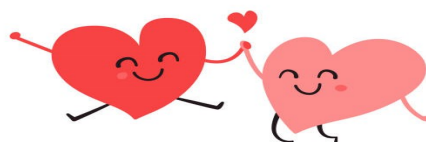
Girl Scout Troop 8133 is hosting an **ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST** on Saturday, October 11th. This fundraiser is open to everyone who loves pancakes (who doesn't ??). It will be in the Fellowship Hall from 8am-11am. Mark your calendars and come hungry.





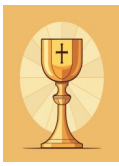
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| Sandra Graver | 9/1 |
| Ella Rogers | 9/3 |
| Shirley Teets | 9/6 |
| Ann Hoff | 9/7 |
| Sandra Osiecki | 9/7 |
| Thomas Schwartz | 9/7 |
| Norma Bauer | 9/8 |
| Charles Burrell | 9/8 |
| Katherine Buss | 9/8 |
| Andrew Labarre | 9/8 |
| Susan Ritton | 9/8 |
| Crystal Ungiran | 9/10 |
| Barry Saylor | 9/11 |
| Timothy Hoff | 9/12 |
| Daniel Pavlick | 9/13 |
| Boyd Moore | 9/13 |
| Juliett Fatzinger | 9/15 |
| Eric Filipovits | 9/15 |
| Robert Buss Jr. | 9/22 |
| Brenda Koch | 9/22 |
| Paul Peters | 9/22 |
| Tyger James | 9/23 |
| Alan Shook | 9/25 |
| Suzanne Tyler | 9/25 |
| Gloria Wunderler | 9/27 |
| Barry Miller | 9/28 |
| Jean Bealer | 9/29 |
| Scott Ruch Jr. | 9/29 |

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| Jodie Budihas-Roginsky (19) | 9/3 |
| Mark & Christina Weaver (8) | 9/3 |
| Alan & Stephanie Shook (30) | 9/4 |
| Edwin Marshall & Mary Dennis (32) | 9/7 |
| Michael & Stephanie Rogers (16) | 9/8 |
| Timothy & Christina Talbot (21) | 9/20 |
| Al & Barbara Wiemann (48) | 9/24 |
| Ralph & Peggy Tobias (66) | 9/27 |
| Barry & Kathleen Gilbert (39) | 9/28 |



Keep us in the loop.

If something has changed, maybe you moved or have a new phone number. Perhaps a new addition. We want to hear from you so we keep our information current. Give us a call at 610-262-9517



WORSHIP ASSISTANCE IN SEPTEMBER



| Date | Assisting Minister | Lector | Pouring Chalice | Acolytes |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| September 1, 2024 | Jen Gaugler | Nicole Bogdon | Diane Hausman | Will Burrell |
| September 8, 2024 | Bill Gebhardt | Bill Gebhardt | LeAnne Krill | TBD |
| September 15, 2024 | Bill Gebhardt | Jen Burrell | Gail Loch | Will Burrell |
| September 22, 2024 | TBD | Bill Gebhardt | Linda Siekonic | TBD |
| September 29, 2024 | TBD | Jen Burrell | TBD | Will Burrell |

| | Ushers |
|--------------------|---|
| September 1, 2024 | TBD |
| September 8, 2024 | Dean Yelles, Roseann Yelles, Shelly Dorn, Jeff Dorn |
| September 15, 2024 | Shelly Dorn, Jeff Dorn, Charlie Burrell, TBD |
| September 22, 2024 | Dean Yelles, Roseann Yelles, TBD, TBD |
| September 29, 2024 | Charlie Burrell, TBD, TBD |

If you cannot keep your scheduled time, please arrange for someone to fill in.

Treasure's report was not available at the time of printing

2024 Financial breakdown for September

Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$ 3,101.00
Amount needed weekly to pay bills = \$2,803.00

| Date | Weekly offering | Memorial | Building repair |
|-----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|
| 7/7/2024 | 3568.00 | | 235.00 |
| 7/14/2024 | 1576.00 | | 25.00 |
| 7/21/2024 | 2071.00 | | 30.00 |
| 7/28/2024 | 1767.00 | | 10.00 |
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just kidding!

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee.

Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said: "It's right here—HEBREWS."

September 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|-----------------------|-----------|---|--------|---|
| 1 Worship 9am | 2 Labor Day Church office is closed | 3 Christian Ed 7pm | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Worship 9am BINGO Doors open 12 Choir restarts 9am service | 9 Welcome back Girl Scouts! | 10 | 11 | 12 Choir Practice Bells 6:30 Choir 7:30 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Worship 9am Harvest Home Bring your food items to benefit Northampton Area Food Bank | 16 Council Meeting 6:30 pm | 17 | 18 | 19 Choir Practice Bells 6:30 Choir 7:30 | 20 | 21 Putt & Donate 6-9 at Hillside Golf & Ice Cream Peace Day ☮ |
| 22 Worship 9am Rally Day 🚩 First Day of Autumn | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Choir Practice Bells 6:30 Choir 7:30 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Worship 9am | 30 | | | | | |



Choir Practice starts on **September 12th**.

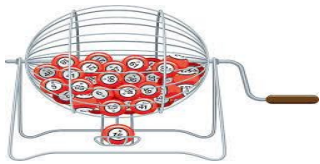
Bell practice is at 6:30 and Choir practice starts at 7:30pm. Practice will be every Thursday.

Our choir has rested their voices over the summer and we are excited to have them back with us on Sundays. Join us at our 9am worship to hear them sing the praises of our Lord.

Good Shepherd Lutheran will be holding the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, **October 6th from 1-2 pm**. It doesn't matter if they have fur, feathers or scales we invite everyone who is a pet caregiver to stop by. Mark your calendars!



Well it's finally here!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024.

Tickets are \$30

Doors open at 12pm

The games begins at 1pm.

The kitchen will be open.

**20 games and door prize chance
plus 5 specials .**

Additional boards may be purchased.

**Tickets available at the door or
contact Lisa Mann 484-841-1370.**



IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE GOES INTO THE HOSPITAL PLEASE LET THEM KNOW THAT YOUR ARE A MEMBER OF **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN** IN NORTHAMPTON. USE OUR **CODE #232**. PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 610 -262-9517 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR PASTOR GARY. THIS WILL HELP US KNOW SO WE CAN VISIT AND ADD YOU TO THE PRAYER LIST. LET'S BE SAFE OUT THERE.



Special shout out to Ed Filipovits, Paul Evans and Boyd Moore for bringing their paint skills to GSLC. The painting of the canopy ceiling will be a fresh look for the fall season. All part of building maintenance. Next stop the sanctuary! It takes a village to maintain this lovely place of worship. Stop by on a Sunday at 9am to see the changes.



Something moo... Who doesn't love ice cream and mini golf? Join us for a **Putt to Donate** **Saturday , September 21st** at **Hillside Golf & Ice Cream**. Located at 3219 Cherryville Rd. in Northampton. From **6pm-9pm**, indulge in some delicious ice cream and let your competitive side be free. We look forward to seeing you!

Do you know a soldier that needs some encouragement from back home? Good Shepherd would like to update our information on anyone proudly serving in our military. Please call the church office 610-262-9517 or email us at **goodshepardlutheran@rcn.com**. We will add them to the prayer list and send them a note to tell them how much they mean to us.



"DO YOU COUNT SHEEP TO GET TO SLEEP, GRAMPA?"



"NOPE... I TALK TO THE SHEPHERD."

AUTUMN BASKET SOCIAL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024

4PM-8PM

The time is quickly approaching for this event at GSLC.

This is a don't miss event! All are welcome!



Our “basket specialists” have been very busy preparing all the items that have currently been donated. They are also busy asking for donations around town and beyond. **As of this writing we have 40 baskets ready to go and so many gift cards!**

We are asking for your help. Please share the event date with your friends, family and neighbors.

We are also asking that if you would like to donate a basket we are happy to accept. If you are not feeling creative yet want to contribute some items please feel free to drop them off or perhaps just a monetary donation and we will create a basket for you.

Contact Jen Gaugler 610-442-5489 with any questions.



Pictured above:
The Cornhole Champs of 2024
Bob Davidson & Benjamin Bogden
(pictured in the middle)
and coming in at a close **2nd** place
were Dan Pavlick & Bobby Davidson
(the 2 on the ends)

Picture on the right:
Dean Yelles shows off
his Cornhole skills. Look at that
determination.

Our **Church Picnic** was a great success despite the weather on Sunday August 18th. The attendance was wonderful and there was plenty of food to choose from. There was BBQ and of course the standard hot dogs and hamburgers were on hand as well as a great selections of salads and let's not forget the desserts!!!!

The Cornhole Tournament was a lot of fun.

The competition was tough this year.



If cornhole wasn't your game there was a nice round of Bingo happening as well. Special thanks to all who cooked and baked and most of all the set up and clean up crew. So much goes into making these events fun and a time to remember. Can't wait until next year.

TASTY TALES

If you have a beloved recipe and are willing to share it, GSLC would love to help. Please send your recipe to: goodshepherdlutheran@rcn.com

Our 2nd recipe comes from **Renae Yelles**:

Renae is a founding member of Good Shepherd Lutheran all the way back to 1970! She and her husband Wilson were always present on a Sunday morning. She proudly served on the 1st church council. Renae helped to form the WELCA group and was the president for a period of time. Born and raised in Northampton, Renae loved to cook and have family get together. Renae always has a smile. She faithfully cared for Wilson until his last days. Renae is spoken about graciously and with nothing but kind words. That's the way to live a Christian life. So without further adieu ...

We proudly present **Renae's Coconut Tossies**

Preheat oven to 350

Dough: (Mix with fork and hands)

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| 2 cups flour | dash of salt |
| 6 oz cream cheese | 1/2 lb. butter |

Chill at least 1hr or overnight



Filling:

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Beat 4 eggs | 1 cup sugar |
| 1 cup brown sugar | 8 tsp. melted margarine |
| 2 tsp lemon juice | 3 cups coconut |

Press dough into mini muffin pan., saving room for the filling in the center. Add filling mixture into each muffin cup. Don't over fill. Bake for 18-20 minutes until golden brown.

Note: Renae says that she usually has extra filling, which she places in custard cups and bakes.

Enjoy!

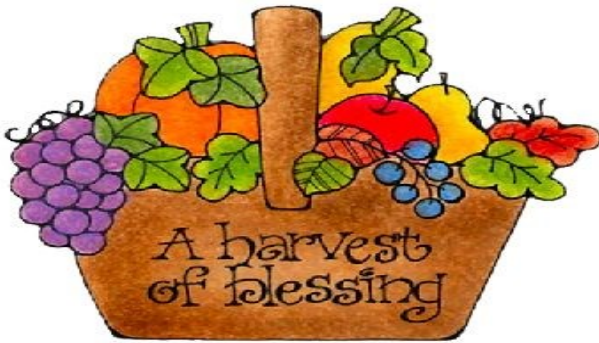


GSLC is happy to help you declutter. We are accepting donations for our Winter Sale Event which is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th.

The church office is open M-F, 9am-2pm. Please call 610-262-9517 to set up a drop off time.

Please NO clothing, car seats, highchairs or electronics. We welcome household items and home décor and any item in good working condition. Please contact Marge at 610-262-8328 with any donation questions.

Rally day is happening on **Sunday September 22th** in the Sanctuary after our 9am worship. We remind you that everyone is welcome to help kick off a new year of Sunday School. We will be having refreshments and Sunday School Karaoke!



GSLC Harvest Home is happening **Sunday, September 15th.**

Please bring canned items and nonperishable items as well as items *fresh* from your gardens. We will be donating all the items to Northampton Area Food Bank. We are looking to break all the past records and donate in abundance. We can do that with your help. There are so many in our area struggling with food insecurity.



Our Social Ministry put together some cute plush flowers to take on their visit to Gracedale on August 19th. It was a wonderful success. The women that they visited enjoyed the colorful flowers and the company. Special thanks to the members of the congregation that helped to distribute them. A total of 26 flowers were given and each had a special note attached from Good Shepherd.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

School Kits

As a result of war and natural disasters, families around the world need help providing essential school supplies so that their children can continue their education despite facing serious obstacles. The Social Ministry Committee is collecting school supplies to pack into drawstring backpacks for distribution by Lutheran World Relief.

The supplies that we are collecting are:

- 70-sheet spiral bound notebooks of wide or college ruled paper, approx. 8 x 10 1/2 inches (no loose-leaf paper)
- 30 centimeter rulers, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- pencil sharpeners (small ones)
- blunt scissors (such as safety scissors with steel blades)
- unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- erasers, approx. 2 1/2 inches long

Items will be collected until September 8, so keep your eyes open for back-to-school sales.

If you prefer not to go shopping, monetary donations will be accepted to use to purchase supplies. Checks may be made payable to "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church" and noted that the funds are for school kits.

Donations may be brought to church and placed in the donation box in the Narthex on Sundays during worship, or on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (use the back entrance by the church office).

This service project has been approved as a Thrivent Action Team project.

If you have any questions contact Barb Wiemann at 610-262-6977 or email her at blwiemann@gmail.com



UPDATED MEMBER INFORMATION

| MEMBER INFORMATION | |
|---|--|
| FIRST NAME | |
| NICKNAME | |
| LAST NAME | |
| SUFFIX | |
| OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS | |
| ADDRESS | |
| HOME PHONE | |
| CELL PHONE | |
| EMAIL ADDRESS (WE DON'T SHARE THIS INFO) | |
| BIRTHDAY | |
| ANNIVERSARY | |

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church wants to keep your information up to date. Please help by emailing us with any updates or by mailing this completed form to:

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